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For : **INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND  
METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIUM ON WHICH  
PROGRAM FOR EXECUTING THE INFORMATION  
PROCESSING IS RECORDED**  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116**

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action which issued April 22, 2004, please consider the following amendment to the above-referenced application.